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Applicant(s): OFEK, et al.

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WITH COMMON TIME REFERENCE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
AND
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby concurrently submits a Request for Continued Examination (RCE),
under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 for the above-referenced prior-filed non-provisional application and this
Preliminary Amendment.

Applicant hereby submits this Preliminary Amendment and Request for Continued
Examination, responsive to the Final Office Action—Date Mailed: January 26, 2006, Paper No.
2; for which a response is due [3] three months from the date of mailing of the Office Action:
April 26, 2006, extended to be due June 26, 2006 by payment of a fee for two months extension
of time, paid via the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal;
and, responsive to the Advisory Action—Date Mailed: May 17, 2006, Paper No. 200060509.

Claims 1, 3, 5-21, 23, 37 and 40-45 were rejected and Claims 37 and 40-45 were objected
to by Examiner in the afore-mentioned Final Office Action and Advisory Action to which this
Preliminary Amendment is responsive.

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PATENT APPLICATION
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Claims 1, 3, 5-21, 23, 37 and 40-45 are currently pending in the application. Claims 2, 4, 22, 24-36, 38 and 39 were previously canceled. Claims 1, 3 and 37 are hereby currently amended. Claims 5, 13, 17, 21, 40 and 41 were previously presented. Claims 6-12, 14-16, 18-20, 23 and 42-45 are original. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

This response is accompanied by the appropriate Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal authorizing the Director to charge any additional fees and credit any overpayments during the pendency of this application to Sitrick & Sitrick's Deposit Account Number: 501166. A fee for two months extension of time is hereby due and paid via the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.